

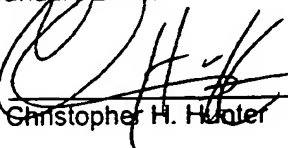
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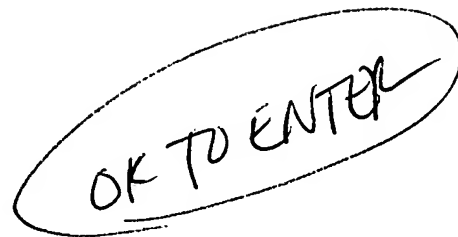
  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the list of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 8.